

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:220
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FUNDS TO BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the Government of Bihar to increase their outlay for irrigation projects to obtain funds from the Union Government to achieve the target in food production; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the State Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Union Government is providing assistance to Government of Bihar under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). For the current financial year, Planning Commission has determined an indicative ceiling of Rs. 200 crore under AIBP. No request has been received from Government of Bihar to raise the ceiling under AIBP nor has the Union Government asked Government of Bihar to increase the outlay for irrigation projects. Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 333 crore has so far been released for seven projects in Bihar.